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| In re Application of: | : | DECISION ON PETITION |
| Motoshi Asano et al. | : | REGARDING REQUEST TO |
| Application No.: 09/774,682 | : | WITHDRAW FINALITY |
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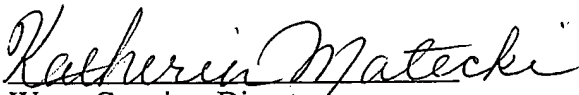
This is in response to the petition filed on January 19, 2007 under 37 CFR 1.181 requesting a Pre-Appeal Conference and a Request for Panel Review of the Final Office action mailed June 19, 2006 as being premature. The Request for review was submitted on October 19, 2006.

A review of the record reveals that since the filing of the petition, a review panel was convened and a decision was mailed on February 1, 2007.

Therefore since the panel has been convened and a decision has been rendered and mailed in the case, Applicant's arguments as to the matter of this petition are considered moot.

Questions concerning this decision should be referred to SPE Kambiz Abdi at (571) 272-6702.

The petition is **DISMISSED as Moot**.

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